FM), (vi) Champwat (1 KW FM), (vii) Chakrata (1 KW FM), (viii) Garison (1 KW FM), (ix) Rudraprayag (1 KW FM) and (x) New Tehri (1 KW FM).

In addition, uplinking facilities at AIR Stations Dehradun and Almora have also been proposed in the State during the 10th Plan.

Private TV channels

†1953. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tendency of private television channels to earn more profits is seriously threatening our art and cultural heritage; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to keep a check on this tendency which is seriously threatening the Culture of our Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Complaints/suggestions are received from time to time expressing concerns about programmes telecast on TV Channels.

The programmes of all Satellite Channels, when transmitted through cable television networks in the country, are required to adhere to the Programmes and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code prohibits carriage of such programmes in Cable Service, which offend good taste or decency, contain anything obscene and are not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition.

Government has constituted two Inter-Ministerial Committees under Section 20 of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995, to look into violations of the Programme and Advertising Code. On the recommendations of these Committees, appropriate action is taken against TV Channels from time to time for violation of the provisions of the Codes.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.